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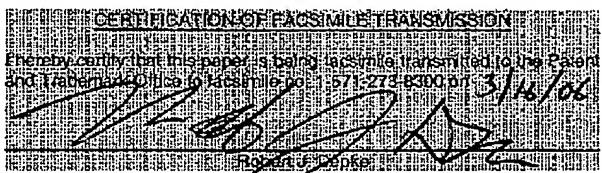
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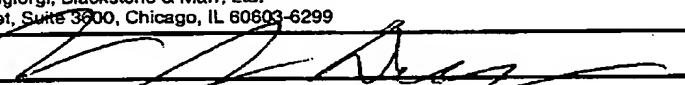
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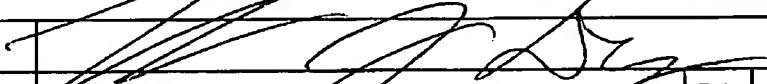
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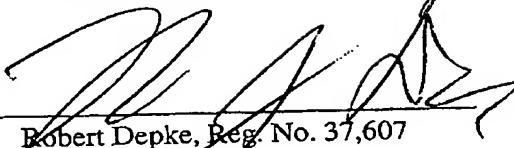
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed February 16, 2006, Applicants are resubmitting the amendments to the claims faxed on December 27, 2005, with the requested corrections. Namely, Applicants show the complete text of claims 9 and 10 which were withdrawn.

Applicants submit that these changes place the amendment in full compliance with all requirements. Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to deposit account number 20-1495.

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In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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